(c) if so, whether Government have studied its effectiveness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Anticobra venom serum was developed in this country about 80 years ago and is manufactured in several institutions now.

(b) and (c) Government is not aware of the Anticobra venom serum developed in Japan and its effectiveness.

Formation of a consortium of Shipping Companies

169. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to form a consortium of the three shipping companies *viz.* Scindia Steam and Navigation Company, India Shipping Company and the Shipping Corpoaration of India;

(b) whether these three shipping companies have enough capacity for break-cargo and containerisation; and

(c) whether Government have provided enough funds for the purchase of or for revamping their fleets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Hijacking of PAN.AM Jet at Karachi Airport

170. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recent statement made by the Vice-Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of PAN AM defending the action of the cockpit crew of the PAN AM jet, who immediately evacuated themselves from the cockpit after the hijack alarm was sounded at Karachi airport on September 5, 1986;

(b) whether Government as a member country of the International Air Transport Association has lodged a complaint with them, if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the hijacking at the Karachi Airport and the Indian personnel involved in the incident and the Indian passengers on board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since International Air Transport Association is an Association of various International Airlnes, there can be no question of Government of India being a member of that Association and lodging a complaint as such.

(c) An authentic official account of the event is still awaited.

Recommendations of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare

171. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare has recommended restructuring of medical education;

(b) if so, what are the details of recommendations made to Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have since considered the same; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to introduce a new scheme and a new common syllabus for medical education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The 12th Joint Conference of the Central Council of Health